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**CLAIMS**

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4            Claim 1.        A method for treating a patient suffering from a cancerous disease  
5            comprising:

6                administering to said patient an anti-cancer antibody or fragment thereof produced  
7                in accordance with a method for the production of anti-cancer antibodies which are useful  
8                in treating a cancerous disease, said antibody or fragment thereof characterized as being  
9                cytotoxic against cells of a cancerous tissue, and being essentially benign to non-cancerous  
10            cells;

11                wherein said antibody or fragment thereof is placed in admixture with a  
12                pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvant and is administered in an amount effective to  
13                mediate treatment of said cancerous disease;

14                said antibody being an isolated monoclonal antibody or antigen binding fragment  
15                thereof which binds to an antigenic moiety expressed by said cancerous tissue, said  
16                antigenic moiety characterized as being bound by an antibody having the identifying  
17                characteristics of a monoclonal antibody encoded by a clone deposited with the ATCC as  
18                PTA-5643.

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20            Claim 2.        The method for treating a patient suffering from a cancerous disease  
21            in accordance with claim 1, wherein said isolated monoclonal antibody or antigen binding  
22            fragment thereof is humanized or chimerized.

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2       Claim 3.       The method for treating a patient suffering from a cancerous disease  
3       in accordance with claim 1 comprising:

4           conjugating said antibody or antigen binding fragment thereof with a member  
5       selected from the group consisting of toxins, enzymes, radioactive compounds, and  
6       hematogenous cells, thereby forming an antibody conjugate; and

7           administering said antibody conjugate or conjugated fragments to said patient;  
8       wherein said antibody conjugate or conjugated fragments are placed in admixture  
9       with a pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvant and are administered in an amount effective to  
10      mediate treatment of said cancerous disease.

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12       Claim 4.       The method of claim 3, wherein said antibody or fragment thereof is  
13      humanized or chimerized.

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15       Claim 5. The method for treating a patient suffering from a cancerous disease in  
16      accordance with claim 1 wherein:

17           the cytotoxicity of said antibody or fragment thereof is mediated through antibody  
18      dependent cellular toxicity.

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20       Claim 6. The method for treating a patient suffering from a cancerous disease in  
21      accordance with claim 1 wherein:

1           the cytotoxicity of said antibody or fragment thereof is mediated through  
2   complement dependent cellular toxicity.

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4           Claim 7. The method for treating a patient suffering from a cancerous disease in  
5   accordance with claim 1 wherein:

6           the cytotoxicity of said antibody or fragment thereof is mediated through catalyzing  
7   of the hydrolysis of cellular chemical bonds.

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9           Claim 8. The method for treating a patient suffering from a cancerous disease in  
10   accordance with claim 1 wherein:

11           the cytotoxicity of said antibody or fragment thereof is mediated through producing  
12   an immune response against putative cancer antigens residing on tumor cells.

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14           Claim 9. The method for treating a patient suffering from a cancerous disease in  
15   accordance with claim 1 wherein:

1           the cytotoxicity of said antibody or fragment thereof is mediated through  
2   targeting of cell membrane proteins to interfere with their function.

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4           Claim 10. The method for treating a patient suffering from a cancerous disease  
5   in accordance with claim 1 wherein:

6           the cytotoxicity of said antibody or fragment thereof is mediated through  
7   production of a conformational change in a cellular protein effective to produce a  
8   signal to initiate cell-killing.

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10          Claim 11.    The method for treating a patient suffering from a cancerous  
11   disease in accordance with claim 1 wherein:

12          said method of production utilizes a tissue sample containing cancerous and  
13   non-cancerous cells obtained from a particular individual.

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15          Claim 12.    A method for treating a patient suffering from a cancerous  
16   disease comprising:

17          administering to said patient an antibody or antigen binding fragment thereof  
18   produced in accordance with a method for the production of anti-cancer antibodies  
19   which are useful in treating a cancerous disease, said antibody being cytotoxic against  
20   cells of a cancerous tissue, and essentially benign to non-cancerous cells;

21          wherein said antibody is the isolated monoclonal antibody encoded by the clone  
22   deposited with the ATCC as PTA-5643 or an antigen binding fragment thereof, and is

1 placed in admixture with a pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvant and is administered in  
2 an amount effective to mediate treatment of said cancerous disease.

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4           Claim 13.    The method for treating a patient suffering from a cancerous  
5    disease in accordance with claim 12, wherein said antibody or fragment thereof is  
6    humanized or chimerized.

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8           Claim 14.    The method for treating a patient suffering from a cancerous  
9    disease in accordance with claim 12 comprising:

10           conjugating said antibody or fragment thereof with a member selected from the  
11    group consisting of toxins, enzymes, radioactive compounds, and hematogenous cells,  
12    whereby an antibody conjugate is formed; and

13           administering said antibody conjugates or fragments thereof to said patient;  
14           wherein said conjugated antibodies are placed in admixture with a  
15    pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvant and are administered in an amount effective to  
16    mediate treatment of said cancerous disease.

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18           Claim 15.    The method of claim 14, wherein said antibody or fragment  
19    thereof is humanized or chimerized.

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21           Claim 16. The method for treating a patient suffering from a cancerous disease  
22    in accordance with claim 12 wherein:

1           the cytotoxicity of said antibody or fragment thereof is mediated through  
2 antibody dependent cellular toxicity.

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4           Claim 17. The method for treating a patient suffering from a cancerous disease  
5    in accordance with claim 12 wherein:

6           the cytotoxicity of said antibody or fragment thereof is mediated through  
7 complement dependent cellular toxicity.

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9           Claim 18. The method for treating a patient suffering from a cancerous disease  
10   in accordance with claim 12 wherein:

11           the cytotoxicity of said antibody or fragment thereof is mediated through  
12 catalyzing of the hydrolysis of cellular chemical bonds.

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14           Claim 19. The method for treating a patient suffering from a cancerous disease  
15   in accordance with claim 12 wherein:

16           the cytotoxicity of said antibody or fragment thereof is mediated through  
17 producing an immune response against putative cancer antigens residing on tumor  
18 cells.

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20           Claim 20. The method for treating a patient suffering from a cancerous disease  
21   in accordance with claim 12 wherein:

1           the cytotoxicity of said antibody or fragment thereof is mediated through  
2   targeting of cell membrane proteins to interfere with their function.

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4           Claim 21. The method for treating a patient suffering from a cancerous disease  
5   in accordance with claim 12 wherein:

6           the cytotoxicity of said antibody or fragment thereof is mediated through  
7   production of a conformational change in a cellular protein effective to produce a  
8   signal to initiate cell-killing.

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10          Claim 22.    The method for treating a patient suffering from a cancerous  
11   disease in accordance with claim 12 wherein:

12          said method of production utilizes a tissue sample containing cancerous and  
13   non-cancerous cells obtained from a particular individual.  
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15          Claim 23.    A process for mediating cytotoxicity of a human tumor cell  
16   which expresses an MCSP antigenic moiety on the cell surface comprising:

17          contacting said tumor cell with an isolated monoclonal antibody or antigen  
18   binding fragment thereof, said antibody or antigen binding fragment thereof being an  
19   isolated monoclonal antibody or antigen binding fragment thereof which binds to said  
20   expressed MCSP antigenic moiety, said antigenic moiety characterized as being bound  
21   by an antibody having the identifying characteristics of a monoclonal antibody encoded  
22   by the clone deposited with the ATCC as PTA-5643,

1                   whereby cell cytotoxicity occurs as a result of said binding.

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3                   Claim 24.    The process of claim 23 wherein said isolated antibody or  
4                   antigen binding fragments thereof are humanized or chimerized.

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6                   Claim 25.    The process of claim 23 wherein said isolated antibody or  
7                   antigen binding fragments thereof are conjugated with a member selected from the  
8                   group consisting of cytotoxic moieties, enzymes, radioactive compounds, and  
9                   hematogenous cells, whereby an antibody conjugate is formed.

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11                  Claim 26.    The process of claim 25 wherein said isolated antibody or  
12                  antigen binding fragments thereof are humanized or chimerized.

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14                  Claim 27.    The process of claim 23 wherein said isolated antibody or  
15                  antigen binding fragments thereof are murine.

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17                  Claim 28.    The process of claim 23 wherein the human tumor tissue sample  
18                  is obtained from a tumor originating in a tissue selected from the group consisting of  
19                  breast tissue.

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21                  Claim 29.    A binding assay to determine a presence of cells which express  
22                  an MCSP antigenic moiety which specifically binds to an isolated monoclonal antibody

1       encoded by the clone deposited with the ATCC as PTA-5643, or an antigen binding  
2       fragment thereof comprising:  
3               providing a cell sample;  
4               providing an isolated monoclonal antibody or antigen binding fragment thereof,  
5        said antibody or antigen binding fragment thereof being an isolated monoclonal  
6        antibody or antigen binding fragment thereof which binds to said expressed MCSP  
7        antigenic moiety, said antigenic moiety characterized as being bound by an antibody  
8        having the identifying characteristics of a monoclonal antibody encoded by the clone  
9        deposited with the ATCC as PTA-5643;  
10              contacting said isolated monoclonal antibody or antigen binding fragment  
11        thereof with said cell sample; and  
12              determining binding of said isolated monoclonal antibody or antigen binding  
13        fragment thereof with said cell sample;  
14              whereby the presence of cells which express a MCSP antigenic moiety which  
15        specifically binds to said isolated monoclonal antibody or antigen binding fragment  
16        thereof is determined.  
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18              Claim 30.       The binding assay of claim 29 wherein the cell sample is  
19        obtained from a tumor originating in a tissue selected from the group consisting of  
20        breast tissue.  
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1           Claim 31.     A process of isolating or screening for cells in a sample which  
2     express a MSCP antigenic moiety which specifically binds to an isolated monoclonal  
3     antibody or antigen binding fragment thereof, said antigenic moiety characterized as  
4     being bound by an antibody having the identifying characteristics of a monoclonal  
5     antibody encoded by the clone deposited with the ATCC as PTA-5643 comprising:  
6               providing a cell sample;  
7               providing an isolated monoclonal antibody or antigen binding fragment thereof,  
8     said antibody or antigen binding fragment thereof being an isolated monoclonal  
9     antibody or antigen binding fragment thereof which binds to said expressed MCSP  
10    antigenic moiety, said antigenic moiety characterized as being bound by an antibody  
11    having the identifying characteristics of a monoclonal antibody encoded by the clone  
12    deposited with the ATCC as PTA-5643;  
13               contacting said isolated monoclonal antibody or antigen binding fragment  
14    thereof with said cell sample; and  
15               determining binding of said isolated monoclonal antibody or antigen binding  
16    fragment thereof with said cell sample;  
17               whereby said cells which express a MCSP antigenic moiety which specifically  
18    binds to an isolated monoclonal antibody encoded by the clone deposited with the  
19    ATCC as PTA-5643, or antigen binding fragment thereof are isolated by said binding  
20    and their presence in said cell sample is confirmed.  
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1           Claim 32.    The process of claim 31 wherein the cell sample is obtained  
2    from a tumor originating in a tissue selected from the group consisting of breast tissue.

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4           Claim 33. A method of extending survival and/or delaying disease progression  
5    by treating a human tumor in a mammal, wherein said tumor expresses an antigen  
6    which specifically binds to a monoclonal antibody or antigen binding fragment thereof  
7    which has the identifying characteristics of a monoclonal antibody encoded by a clone  
8    deposited with the ATCC as accession number PTA-5643 comprising administering to  
9    said mammal said monoclonal antibody in an amount effective to reduce said  
10   mammal's tumor burden, whereby disease progression is delayed and/or survival is  
11   extended.

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13           Claim 34. The method of claim 33 wherein said antibody is conjugated to a  
14    cytotoxic moiety.

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16           Claim 35. The method of claim 33 wherein said cytotoxic moiety is a  
17    radioactive isotope.

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19           Claim 36. The method of claim 33 wherein said antibody activates complement.

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21           Claim 37. The method of claim 33 wherein said antibody mediates antibody  
22    dependent cellular cytotoxicity.

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1           Claim 38. The method of claim 33 wherein said antibody is a murine antibody.

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3           Claim 39. The method of claim 33 wherein said antibody is a humanized  
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6           Claim 40. The method of claim 33 wherein said antibody is a chimerized  
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